



## Mentor Michigan Conference October 24, 2007 - Lansing

Join mentoring professionals from around the state in Lansing for Michigan's premiere mentoring conference. National mentoring experts will share interesting insights during keynote addresses and workshops that will inspire and equip you with new ideas and resources. Hosted by Mentor Michigan, this conference is open to all professionals in the field of youth mentoring. Participants will leave this conference refreshed, energized, and ready to get back to work in their community! For more information and the registration brochure, visit: [www.mentormichigan.org](http://www.mentormichigan.org). **The early bird registration deadline is September 14<sup>th</sup>.**



## Hands On and Points of Light Merger Creates World's Largest Volunteer Organization

The Hands On Network and the Points of Light Foundation announced on July 16<sup>th</sup> mutual board approval to merge the two organizations.

The announcement transforms the landscape of the volunteer sector, creating a network of 370 affiliate organizations covering 83 percent of the US market. The merger will also create three million new volunteers over the next two years, generating an additional 90 million volunteer hours, according to a joint statement issued by the two organizations.

Michelle Nunn, co-founder and CEO of the Hands On Network, will lead the new organization. The merger took effect on July 30 and will officially launch on October 1, 2007.

To read the full article, visit:  
[http://www.handsonnetwork.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=309&Itemid=267](http://www.handsonnetwork.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=309&Itemid=267).

## Core Principles for Engaging Young People In Community Change

The Forum for Youth Investment is releasing a new paper on how to effectively engage young people as partners in community change. The important but simple principles described in this paper can be implemented in a wide range of organizations including schools, youth organizations, or community centers that want to strengthen their commitment to youth leadership and involvement.

To learn more, visit:  
[www.forumfyi.org/Files/FINALYouth\\_Engagement\\_7.9.pdf](http://www.forumfyi.org/Files/FINALYouth_Engagement_7.9.pdf)

## NOMINATE A DESERVING VOLUNTEER TODAY!

### The President's Volunteer Service Award

[www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/index.cfm](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/index.cfm)

The President's Volunteer Service Award, created by The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, is a way to thank volunteers for their commitment to volunteerism and community service. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain number of volunteer hours over the course of a year or lifetime.

### Profile a Young Hero in the National Service Briefing

Nominate a young person between the ages of 5-25, who you think deserves to be profiled as a young hero. To submit a Young Heroes nomination, please send the name, age, city, and state of the young person you are nominating, as well as a brief description of their involvement in service to change their community. Self-nominations are accepted. Send nominations to [nsbinfo@ysa.org](mailto:nsbinfo@ysa.org) with the subject line NOMINATION.

## SEVEN TIPS FOR HIGHLY EFFECTIVE OUTREACH

EnCorps has online resources for AmeriCorps and VISTA program staff targeting member recruitment, placement, orientation, and ongoing training. To access the resources: [http://encorps.nationalserviceresources.org/rp\\_outreach.php](http://encorps.nationalserviceresources.org/rp_outreach.php)



# *The Workbench's Three - Month National Service Planner*



## **AUGUST 2007**

- 2-3 Urban Service-Learning Institute, Detroit (National Youth Leadership Council, Bernard Gill, (651) 999-7371, [www.nylc.org/happening\\_event.cfm?oid=5584](http://www.nylc.org/happening_event.cfm?oid=5584))
- 7 Volunteer Retention and Recognition, Detroit, MI (Michigan Nonprofit Association, (517) 492-2400, [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org))
- 9 Hands on Network Summer Studies Free Webinar: Effectively Using New Media to Engage Volunteers ([training@handsonnetwork.org](mailto:training@handsonnetwork.org))
- 15-17 Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal, Ann Arbor, MI (The Grant Institute, (888) 824-4424, [www.thegrantinstitute.com](http://www.thegrantinstitute.com))
- 16 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Conference Call, 10:00am (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 16 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Start-Up Meeting for New Program Directors, MCSC, 10:00am-4:00pm (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 23 Hands on Network Summer Studies Free Webinar: Service To Civics ([training@handsonnetwork.org](mailto:training@handsonnetwork.org))
- 24 Accommodating Employee Disabilities in the Workplace Webinar, 12:30-2:00pm (MCADSV, (517) 347-7000 x21, [www.mcadsv.org](http://www.mcadsv.org))
- 28 Fiduciary Responsibility: Executing a Key Nonprofit Board Function, Detroit, MI (Michigan Nonprofit Association, (517) 492-2400, [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org))

## **SEPTEMBER 2007**

- 3 Labor Day
- 11 My Good Deed Day of Service ([www.myGoodDeed.org](http://www.myGoodDeed.org))
- 14 Learning through Evaluation: How Nonprofits Can Develop Their Evaluation Capacity, Kalamazoo, MI (The Evaluation Capacity Development Group and The Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, (269) 668-7188, [krusson@gmail.net](mailto:krusson@gmail.net))
- 14 Governing Nonprofits for Success, Grand Rapids, MI (Dorothy A. Johnson Center, Jane Kreha, (616) 331-7031)
- 14 Early bird registration deadline for the Mentor Michigan Conference (Kathie Vasilion, [vasilionk@michigan.gov](mailto:vasilionk@michigan.gov), (517) 373-4200)
- 17-23 The National Learn and Serve Challenge ([www.servicelearningpartnership.org](http://www.servicelearningpartnership.org))
- 20 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Meeting, MCSC, 10:00am-4:00pm, Lansing, MI (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 20 Proposal Research – Finding the Right Funder, Battle Creek, MI (No charge, pre-registration is required, (269) 968-8166 x548, [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org))
- 25 Grand Rapids AmeriCorps Alums Chapter Kickoff, Grand Rapids, 7:00-9:00pm (Molly Frendo, [frendomoll@anr.msu.edu](mailto:frendomoll@anr.msu.edu), [www.americorpsalums.org](http://www.americorpsalums.org))
- 26 Nonprofit Day 2007, Lansing, MI ([www.mnaonline.org/nonprofit07.asp](http://www.mnaonline.org/nonprofit07.asp))

## **OCTOBER 2007**

- 18 Proposal Writing and Fund Development Overview, Battle Creek, MI (No charge, pre-registration is required, (269) 968-8166 x548, [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org))
- 24 Mentor Michigan Conference, Lansing, MI, 8:00am-4:15pm (Kathie Vasilion, (517) 373-4200, [vasilionk@michigan.gov](mailto:vasilionk@michigan.gov), [www.michigan.gov/mentormichigan](http://www.michigan.gov/mentormichigan))
- 25 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Meeting, MCSC, 10:00am-4:00pm (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov))
- 27 Nonprofit Board Building, Charlotte, MI (Eaton County United Way in partnership with Michigan Nonprofit Association, [ecuw@ecuw.org](mailto:ecuw@ecuw.org), [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org))

*\*If you or your agency would like information about upcoming events included in our three-month National Service planner, please contact Megan Sargent at [sargentm1@michigan.gov](mailto:sargentm1@michigan.gov) or (517) 241-3494.*